

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a suspicious activity report, comprising:
 - storing configuration information at a transaction processing device, wherein the configuration information configures the device to produce suspicious activity reports based on certain criteria, **and wherein the certain criteria comprises both a mandatory SAR threshold and a SAR prompt threshold;**
 - receiving transaction information;
 - determining, based on the transaction information and the certain criteria, whether a suspicious activity report is to be prepared, **wherein determining whether a suspicious activity report is to be prepared comprises:**
 - comparing an amount of a transaction to the mandatory SAR threshold and, in accordance with the comparison,** generating a suspicious activity report containing at least some of the transaction information; **and**
 - comparing an amount of a transaction to the SAR prompt threshold and, in accordance with the comparison, displaying a prompt that asks an operator if he wants to prepare a suspicious activity report.**
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting the suspicious activity report to authorities.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein transmitting the suspicious activity report to authorities comprises:
 - collecting suspicious activity reports at a host computer system; and

transmitting the collected suspicious activity reports to a computer system of the authorities.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving additional information and including the additional information in the suspicious activity report.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a suspicious activity report, comprising:
storing configuration information at a transaction processing device, wherein the configuration information configures the device to produce suspicious activity reports based on certain criteria;
receiving transaction information;
determining, based on the transaction information and the certain criteria, whether a suspicious activity report is to be prepared; and
generating a suspicious activity report containing at least some of the transaction information;

~~The method of claim 4,~~ wherein generating a suspicious activity report comprises:

printing a suspicious activity report having a portion of the additional information and also having blanks for receiving additional suspicious activity report information.

6. - 10 (Canceled)

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein determining whether a suspicious activity report is to be prepared comprises determining whether an operator has elected to produce an on-demand SAR.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising printing a report relating to suspicious activity reports produced at the transaction processing device during a period of time.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the transaction processing device is configured to print money orders.

14. (Currently Amended) A transaction processing device, comprising:
an input device arranged to receive transaction information and SAR information;
a display screen arranged to display information to an operator; and
application software that programs the transaction device to:
store configuration information, wherein the configuration information configures the device to produce suspicious activity reports based on certain criteria, **wherein the certain criteria comprises both a SAR prompt threshold and a mandatory SAR threshold;**

receive transaction information;
determine based on the transaction information and the certain criteria, whether a suspicious activity report is to be prepared; and
generate a suspicious activity report containing at least some of the transaction information.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) The transaction processing device of claim ~~15~~**14**, wherein the application software also programs the transaction device to compare an amount of a transaction to the mandatory SAR threshold.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) The transaction processing device of claim ~~17~~**14**, wherein the application software also programs the transaction device to compare an amount of a transaction to the SAR prompt threshold.

19. (Original) The transaction processing device of claim 18, wherein the application software further programs the transaction device to:

display a prompt that asks an operator if he wants to prepare a suspicious activity report; and
receive a response to the prompt.

20. (Original) The transaction processing device of claim 14, wherein the application software also programs the transaction device to determine whether an operator has elected to produce an on-demand SAR.

21. (Original) The transaction processing device of claim 14, wherein the application software further programs the transaction device to print a report relating to SARs produced at the transaction processing device during a period of time.

22. (Original) The transaction processing device of claim 14, wherein the transaction processing device is configured to print money orders.